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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arda Akman

Serial No. 09/589,449

Filed: 06/07/2000

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXECUTING CONTROL PROTOCOLS
AMONG NODES IN SEPARATE IP NETWORKS**

Examiner: Parton, Kevin S

Art Unit: 2153

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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 18, 2003

In response to the office action mailed December 18, 2003, Applicant offers the following remarks. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.